## **Meeting Minutes**

## Meeting of May 6, 2010

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 6, 2010, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Daniel F. Caruso at 2:16 p.m.

#### **Council Members Present:**

Judge Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Marrella)

Philip T. Ashton
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Barbara Currier Bell
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Larry P. Levesque

(designee for Commissioner DelGobbo)

#### **Council Members Absent:**

Edward S. Wilensky

#### **Staff Members Present:**

S. Derek Phelps Executive Director Melanie Bachman Staff Attorney Christina Walsh Siting Analyst Robert Mercier Siting Analyst David Martin Siting Analyst Michael Perrone Siting Analyst

### **Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

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Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2010, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

# DOCKET NO. F-2010 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant party status to The Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative; Dominion Resources Services, Inc.; FirstLight Power Enterprises, Inc.; NRG Engergy, Inc.; and Bridgeport Energy LLC, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant intervenor status to ISO New England Inc., seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET 370A-MR - The Connecticut Light & Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut. Petition for Reconsideration under C.G.S. §4-181a(a). Schedule.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant the Petition for Reconsideration, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch and Mr. Levesque abstaining.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the Schedule the staff has set forth for the reopening of the proceeding, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch and Mr. Levesque abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 387 - SBA Towers II, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 44 Gavitt Road, Barkhamsted, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Tait moved to table this item, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Levesque abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 398 - Northeast Utilities Service Company, on behalf of The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of the proposed Sherwood Substation located at 6 New Creek Road, Westport, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Ashton, and Chairman Caruso in favor of granting a Certificate for the proposed Sherwood Substation.

Chairman Caruso directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order, for the proposed substation, to be reviewed at the next meeting.

\*The Council took a short recess

PETITION NO. 863 - Examination of whether statutory changes should be made to clarify jurisdiction to renewable and/or alternative sources of energy (wind, solar, hydro, tidal, wave, geothermal, biofuel, biomass, etc). Application Guides and Generator Filing Table.

Mr. Tait moved that the Council issue a Declaratory Ruling to the effect that the Council has jurisdiction over renewable energy facilities, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 938 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the existing CL&P substation, located at 52 Columbus Avenue, Middletown, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 939 - The MetroPCS New York, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the Attachment of Metro's Antennas to an existing CL&P transmission structure (#848) located at 2225 Reservoir Avenue, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition with the following conditions:

- The foundation shall be reinforced per the structural analysis report dated March 23, 2010 and sealed by Richard A. Sambor, P.E. prior to the antenna installation;
- The foundation shall not exceed 100 percent of its post-construction structural rating; and
- Not more than 45 days after completion of construction, a signed letter from a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut shall be submitted to the Council to certify that the reinforcement has been properly completed and the foundation does not exceed 100 percent of its post-construction structural rating.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 941 - The Clear Wireless LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 148 Roberts Street, East Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 942 - The Clear Wireless LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 82 Lovely Street, Farmington, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to table this item, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 943 - UTC Power Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a Customer-Side 400 kW Fuel Cell to be located at 931 Torringford Street, Torrington, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Tait moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-METROPCS-097-091117 - MetroPCS New York, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at Route 34 (21 Berkshire Road), Newtown, Connecticut. Revision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the revision to this tower sharing request, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

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TS-METROPCS-034-100308 - MetroPCS New York, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 52 Stadley Rough Road, Danbury,

Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to table this item, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

**Administrative Matters.** 

Mr. Tait moved to adopt the application guidelines, seconded by Mr Ashton. The motion passed

unanimously.

Mr. Phelps announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, May 18, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Mr. Phelps relayed to the Council the outcome of the legislative session and what impact, if any,

it would have on the Council.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed

unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso Chairman

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